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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I understand the Courts will make a final decision at the end of this month on whether the proposed Microsoft settlement will benefit the public. I believe it's fine as long as Microsoft is left standing, when it's all said and done. If the nine states are allowed to overturn the agreement and move ahead with additional litigation, it could take another three years and billions in legal expenses all incurred by the consumers and the taxpayers. How is that a benefit?

Microsoft has agreed to not enter into any agreements obligating any third party to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively or in a fixed percentage, subject to certain narrow exceptions where no competitive concern is present. The Company has also agreed not to enter into agreements relating to Windows that obligate any software developer to refrain from developing or promoting software that competes with Windows. From this one could see that Microsoft is more than willing to cooperate in order to resolve this issue.

I urge you to end this now. No more action should be taken at the Federal level.

Sincerely,

H. Mugar

cc: Representative Elton Gallegly